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TO : Chief, CI/OA  
FROM : Deputy Director of Security (Investigations and Support)  
SUBJECT: MOSS, Edward K.  
#172646

DATE: 19 MAR 1959

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1. Reference is made to the attached memorandum from NEA/6 wherein a Covert Security Approval was requested to permit Subject's use as an informant on the plans, activities and programs of the Indian Embassy in which he is engaged or of which he is knowledgeable. 24

2. Concurrent with this communication the requested approval is being granted, however the following is being made available for your information and consideration in the contemplated use of the Subject.

3. A current investigation by this office of the Subject was generally favorable, however several informants who knew the Subject professionally criticized him for "unscrupulous and unethical" business practices. These informants claim the Subject has a reputation for "raiding" accounts of other public relation firms. It is also noted that the Federal Government has had three tax liens against the Subject since 1955 including one amounting to \$1048.65 which is still pending.

4. In view of the above information, it is recommended that the Subject be closely supervised and that he be made witting only after a time elapse sufficient to afford Subject an opportunity to demonstrate his integrity and reliability.

5. The dissemination of the foregoing information should be limited to Headquarters Staff Officials on a strict need to know basis.

FOR THE DIRECTOR OF SECURITY:

  
Robert H. Cunningham

cc:  
Copy of Approval  
Copy of Request

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